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TOKYO AND NHA TRANG MARCH 22, 1975

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3311

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, VS

SUBJECT: VIET-NAM RESEARCH REACTOR SECURITY

REF: A) SAIGON 3267; B) STATE 65363 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL A SUBSTANTIALLY RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL B.
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS ALSO PROVIDED: PROFESSOR
LONG (IN CHARGE OF THE DALAT REACTOR) BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE
VERY TRICKY TO TRY TO DISMANTLE THE REACTOR BECAUSE THIS WOULD
REQUIRE SPECIAL HEAVY CEMENT CONTAINERS FOR EACH OF THE 70 RODS.
THIS WOULD REQUIRE SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL, AND AIR EVACUATION OF
THE RODS WOULD TIE UP SCARCE VNAF ASSETS. (BECAUSE THE REACTOR
WALLS ARE EIGHT FOOT THICK CONCRETE IT TAKES SPECIAL SKILLS AND
TOOLS TO GET AT THE RODS.)

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2. NOT HAVING PARTICULARS OF 1969 AIR FORCE PLAN AVAILABLE, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING JUST HOW MUCH TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
IMPLEMENT PLAN FOR US TEAM USING US AIRCRAFT TO REMOVE FUEL
ELEMENTS FROM REACTOR AND TRANSPORT THEM TO MORE SECURE LOCATION.
IF REQUIRED, WE WOULD WELCOME EXPERT VISIT TO HELP IN MAKING
THAT DETERMINATION.
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